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June demonstration to be held on utilizing annual forages

Marengo, Iowa, 6/2/09 – Matt Brenneman has been utilizing annual forages to produce both summer and winter feed for his cow herd for the past few years. Brenneman is sharing his experiences as a part of an ISU College of Ag and Life Sciences demonstration project with a field day on June 17.

The field day will begin at the Brenneman farm at 1 pm with a demonstration on chopping and bagging the field pea/triticale field that was seeded on April 4. This mix will be stored for winter feed to the cow herd. Then the field will be planted with pearl millet, early corn and soybeans. The pearl millet will be grazed or hayed later in the season, the soybeans will be harvested as normal, and the corn can be harvested as grain, chopped for cow feed, or grazed depending on the year, weather conditions, and crop growth.

Other topics for discussion include bagging corn co-products for use in the winter and interseeding pastures. Corn co-products can often be purchased at a lower cost during the summers when fewer cattle are on feed, then bagged and saved for feeding in the winter when feed costs are usually more expensive. Brenneman has also interseeded Berseem clover into an existing pasture which we will tour if weather permits.

A second field day will be held later in the summer as the pearl millet becomes ready to be grazed.

This event is weather dependent so be sure to check before driving if field conditions are questionable.

For more information on the field day, contact Iowa State Extension beef specialist Denise Schwab at 319-642-5504 or dschwab@iastate.edu.

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